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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Mitsuko Kosaka

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING RETINAL  
NEUROCYTE FROM NEURAL STEM  
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Examiner: A. Dutt

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTIONMS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on July 15, 2009, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply ending on September 15, 2009. Accordingly, a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is not required. Applicants also authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105. In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.